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Well stranger.-

Hearing from you is like receiving word from the hereafter. I had given you up for lost. Your letter came this afternoon. I mailed your specimens late today, the Physalis seem quite certainly P. lagascea R.&S., at least it is similar to the dozen sheets here labeled thus by Rydberg. Did you look up Rydbergs Monog. in the early numbers of the Mem. Torr. Cl.? The other plant is a wierd thing and I spent well over an hour upon it. The best I can do is to say that it is a freak form of Amaranthus californicus Wats. The det. is not as satisfactory as I could wish, but it is the best I can do with the material. I showed Dr Robinson that peculiar Cascade Canyon "Eupatorium" and he claims that it is not of the Eupatoriae as far as his knowledge is concerned. Neither Rydberg nor Blake could suggest any name. That plant is a peculiar thing and you must try and get some more of it. It, and that peculiar coarse scabrous plant with ternate leaves which we got with Notholaena cal. near San Jacinto, both have me guessing hard and terribly curious. I believe I told you that Dr Hall has sent on to me a composite collected in the Mohave and which I thot to be a new genus. Well I am enclosing you a copy of the copy of mrs Woodcocks letter to Dr Hall which exactly locates the locality at which she got her plant. Better keep this filed so that you can raid the colony at the first opportunity. You might tip off Pierson.

I am very interested to hear that you have gotten hooked up with Baer, I hope you hypnotised him and have him sending you material. That Elsinore Region is a wonderful region for a resident collector and if Baer is a good one he ought to be pulling out some darn good things which Pomona ought to have. What kind of man is he. Get loquacious! Does he know any thing or is he just starting?

What is this you hint about Swingle helping on the desert work? Say, have you considered selling any sets? I am sure you could sell sets here at Harvard, and just as likely at N.Y., Field Mus;, and U.S. For good material you get between 10 and 15¢ per sheet. Oh where! oh where! did that Clemente fund appear from? You had better

start planning now on it. I would suggest that you write to my good friend Slevin (Mr. Joseph) at the Cal. Acad. regarding landings and likely places to work. Tell him I refered you to him. He is an old sailor, a gosh darn good scout, and has been on Clemente several times so you would get some valuable information from him. If you ever have a chance to go out on a trip with him dont hesitate for he is a good companion and very easy to get along with. Write now if only to get in touch with him. The snake division at the Acad is the richest there, and he might even decide to go to the island with you and could pool funds with you. He is about 40 or 45 years old. He was with Ferris in Baja Cal., and bossed the exped upon which I was on. So you went on a still hunt for Jepsonia. You would hardly exoect to find any, would you, if the winter has been dry? Did you tip off Baer re Ophioglossum? Go easy on the Jones affair. He is notoriously a hard egg to get along with - in fact no one has been able to get along with him at all. His things have been refused everywhere because he wants more for them than they are considered worth. His lib., however, might be well worth angling for, and his herb. too if ~~you could get it too~~ there are any hopes of getting it reasonable. There is scarcely a doubt that the Jones herb. is the best representation on Great Basin flora, its presence at any institution would be a great boost. ~~it would~~. What is this about him having the "Gray Card Catalogue", do you mean the "Day Index"? Certainly he does not claim to have a set of that, for most definately he does not possess one. If you have the funds I think a definate figure ~~offer~~ would do much to land the collection. Certainly I should not want to have him around all the time, if that is what an annuity would mean. It is good to have ~~that you~~ Jones det. ~~on~~ Astragallus specimens, but Rydberg is actively at work now on the genus and it would be well to get in touch with him. I watched him work for two week here at the Gray Herb. and I do think his is going to be a better treatment than Jones - that is not saying, however, that either will be at all wonderful. He told me that he was anxious to see all the Calif. material he could, and I believe he would be glad to study over all the college calif. material if you cared to send it to him.

Your sketch of your tentative plans for next year sound interesting. I dont know where I shall be, or what I shall be doing next year. I have to get out and put away some money preparatory for my last year here. This Harvard education is dog on expensive

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and I will be in debt at the end of this semester. I may work on here at the Herb. or possibly will look for a job at some other of the bigs herbs. That is, still, however, in th the offing.

The A.A.A.S. meetings were a grand success. I met more people that week than I ever hope to again. The Herb. was full of systematists during most of the meetings and for a week after. I met among others Rydberg, Piper, Ball, VanEseltine, Sheriff, etc., etc. I had a grand time with Rydb. He was here for over 2 weeks working over the Herb. loop-weeds and I got very well acquainted with him. He is a kindly, good-natured, old, swede who some how I find it hard to couple with my mental concept of Rydberg the terrible that I know from past experience with his work. I like the man very much and I thoroughly enjoyed his stay here. Piper I was delighted to meet, due to our common interest in the borages. He and I had some good pow-wows over the borages. He is a very large, and very tall man. His voice is loud and his complection, eyes, and hair dark. Altho gruff he seems of the "good-fellow" type and is a pleasant man to meet. I gave my paper before a full house and shouted it off is a grand style, parading up and down for 20 minutes waying my hand as natural as life. I expected to be scared stiff!

My borage work is coming along. I have hit the smooth fruited things which have been largely dumped into C. leocarpa and am having a terrible time. I am afraid that I shall have to describe over a half dozen new spp. from Calif. in this group alone. I wish you would be keeping you eyes pealed for Cryptanthes (particularly smooth fruited on ones) in the region along the coast, -i.e. at Laguna, South Hills, mesa about St Diego, etc. There is a most perplexing group of things there and a big lot of material must be accumulated before it can be definately settled. Most of the So Calif. material previously called Leocarpa I am refering to C. australis n. sp.

Poor old Jeppy. I am sort of glad that there is something to devil that old son-of-a-gun, even if it is the lack of funds at the University. Say! have you seen that paper describing our Cypress? Nothing of the sort has been received here. I had a letter from Dr Hall in which he tells me that Abrams flora is in the hands of the binders. Milspaugh flora of Catalina is supposed to be ready anytime now. It is a lengthy descriptive account like a regular flora. It ought to be handy as a manual in So Cal., that is he he does a good job. Did you write Parish a birthday letter. I understand he was

quite tickled with all the congratulatory letters he received. Did I tell you that that collection of mine from a garden at Upland labeled Gnaphalium purpureum is instead G. spathulatum Lam. It is quite distinct from pur. in annual habit, looser thinner pub, green color of plant, and wool-imbedded heads. Have you any other collections? I seem to recall one from Claremont. G. spathulatum is an introduced cosmopolitan weed, G. purpurea is a native biennial or perennial. What have you? Oh yes while Rydberg was herewe decided that Sheldons A. limatus is certainly A. crotalariae Benth. The latter has been a lost previously unidentified species accredited to Monterey.

I have not done anything on the Penstemsons since I wrote before, for I must have your decidion as to concept before I can write descriptions. If you think it advisable you might copy my key and let Pierson and anyother trustworthy person try it out.

Oh gosh what a climate. There has been snow on the ground for the past couple months and it, quite regularly, several snows a week. I am getting quite use to this virile New England climate and have taken to scoffing at the hardy N. Englanders when they complain that this is an exceptionally severe winter. Just the same I surely do pine for good old California. Dont I wish I were over on Red Hill picking Amsinckia, and Eschscholtzia, instead of looking out on this everlasting blanket of snow. Ah well it will be over after a while and I will be a much better California booster because of the experience. Give my regards to those friends of mine which you may see, and write me gosh darn ye, WRITE,

L. M. L.

What about the publication etc of Parsons W. Fl. of Calif
Have you the numbers of that "Guide to Desert Walking Places" Bulletin?
Dont that Nama as we reported as N. flexilis really N. parvifolia, former has filiform the latter broad toothed leaves.